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hands of the whole matter by a statement in the preface that the names are mostly *nomina nuda*, and consequently disdains any responsibility for trying "to shake the very foundations of botanic priority." If *nomina nuda* can be construed to mean names accompanied by from three to six lines of description, Mr. Rhoads is right. But Muhlenberg's catalog pretty effectually disposes of such a claim. On this score the editor has done botanical science either a great service or a great injury in unearthing a book that has almost inflammable possibilities.

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BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The Botanical Society of America will hold its eleventh annual meeting at New York City during the week beginning December 25, 1916, in affiliation with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society of Naturalists, the American Phytopathological Society, and the Ecological Society of America, and under the auspices of Columbia University, New York University, the College of the City of New York, the American Museum of Natural History, the New York Botanical Garden, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and the other scientific and educational institutions of the city. Members of the Torrey club are invited to attend any of the meetings scheduled below. The hotel headquarters of the Society will be the Hotel McAlpin, Broadway at 34th St. The hotel headquarters of the Ecological Society of America will be at the Hotel Belmont.

PROGRAM OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, December 26.

8:00 p. m. (Address of the retiring president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dr. Wm. W. Campbell, director of the Lick Observatory. Reception to the members of the A. A. A. S., at the American Museum of Natural History.)

Wednesday, December 27.

10:00 a. m. Simultaneous scientific sessions of the society at large, for papers on cytology, embryology, mor-

phology, etc., Brinckerhoff Theatre, Barnard College, and of the Physiological Section, for papers on the chemical aspects of physiology, 339 Barnard College.

- 2:00 p. m. Joint session of Section G, American Association for Advancement of Science, with the Botanical Society of America and the American Phytopathological Society. Address of the retiring vice-president of Section G, Professor W. A. Setchell, and symposium on relations of chemistry to botany. The speakers will be W. J. V. Osterhout, on "Antagonism and Permeability" and J. Arthur Harris, on "Physical Chemistry in the Service of Phytogeography." The symposium will be followed by a short business meeting of Section G, Auditorium of 'Horace Mann School, Broadway and 120th St.
- 9:00 p. m. Joint smoker at Columbia University Commons, to which the members of the Botanical Society and affiliated organizations are invited.

Thursday, December 28.

- 10:00 a. m. Simultaneous scientific sessions of the society at large, for papers on genetics and evolution, Brinckerhoff Theatre, and of the Physiological Section for papers on the physical aspects of physiology, 339 Barnard College.
- 2:00 p. m. Joint session of the Botanical Society of America with the American Phytopathological Society, for the reading of the annual invitation papers. The speakers will be Wm. A. Murrill, Erwin F. Smith, and W. A. Orton. Dr. Murrill will speak on his systematic studies of the fleshy fungi, and will illustrate his address with colored lantern slides. Dr. Smith will speak of the important recent developments in his study of plant tumors, and Dr. Orton will discuss the subject of plant breeding for disease resistance. Both will use lantern slides. Members of the organizations affiliated with either

society are especially invited to attend this meeting, Auditorium of Horace Mann School.

- 7:30 p. m. Dinner for all botanists, Hotel McAlpin. Address of Professor J. M. Coulter, retiring president of the Botanical Society of America, "Botany as a National Asset." Tickets may be obtained from the secretary, at \$2.50 each.

Friday, December 29.

- 10:00 a. m. Joint session with the Ecological Society of America, for papers on ecology, phytogeography, and related subjects, Brinckerhoff Theatre.
- 2:00 p. m. Joint session with the American Phytopathological Society, for papers on mycology, plant diseases, etc., Brinckerhoff Theatre.

Further information may be obtained from the Secretary of the Botanical Society of America, Dr. H. H. Bartlett, 335 Packard Street, Ann Arbor, Mich., whose address during the meetings will be Hotel McAlpin.

NEWS ITEMS

It is reported in the daily papers that Governor N. E. Harris of Georgia has signed a bill to make the Cherokee rose the "official floral emblem of Georgia." This rose is *Rosa laevigata*, a native of China.

The complete collection of Mr. S. B. Parish, comprising about 50,000 specimens, has been purchased for the herbarium of Stanford University.

Professor C. R. Orton, of Pennsylvania State College, is on leave of absence for one year and has registered for graduate work at Columbia University. He will spend some time at the New York Botanical Garden in connection with his researches on parasitic fungi.

Amherst College has received a bequest of \$5,000 to be known as the Edward Tuckerman Fund, for work in botany.